

Hello,

My name is Michelle Kohanski. I have been working at Holy Family Hospital for the past 25 years. In my 25 year tenure at Holy Family Hospital, I have seen many changes, which range from technology to pension benefits, employees, and hospital name. Having Cerberus oversee Caritas financially will make this facility thrive. Not only for the patients, but for the employees and community. Let me tell you some reasons why I support the sale of Caritas to Cerberus.

As many of you know, healthcare can be a challenging but rewarding career. Challenging because, Do we have the right equipment to do our job? Technology is forever changing. Cerberus can help us overcome this challenge by making sure our patients have the best technology there is to help them anyway possible. Whether it would be updating radiology equipment, OR equipment, wheelchairs, or computers. New and updated equipment is a must for any hospital to survive. Here at Holy Family we are competing with area hospitals and having the right technology will only make us stronger. Holy Family employees and I would like the best for our patients and community.

Another challenge we have is making sure we always have enough staff to care for our patients. As you have heard, the country has been in a financial crisis and layoffs are at an all time high. So, Cerberus will also help with job security, as well as career advancement.

Working in healthcare can also be a rewarding experience. We see thousands of patients yearly. Giving a hug to a patient when they need it, holding their hand, or just telling a patient you will be OK, are some of the comforting things that let us know we made a difference.

Having Cerberus take over Caritas will also secure our pension here at Holy Family Hospital. There are many employees here with longevity, including myself. So, having a partner such as Cerberus will give employees financial peace of mind and confidence in the long term future of the system.

Please keep in mind that our community deserves the best it can, here at Holy Family. So, with the help of Cerberus and the employees, we can continue to grow as one of the leading hospitals in Massachusetts.

*Michelle Kohanski*